

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 19-20 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter therein. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

The Office has rejected claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,185,647 to Shibuya (Shibuya). Accordingly, Applicant has now canceled claims 19 and 20 without prejudice. In view of the foregoing cancellation and remarks, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Applicant notes with appreciation, the Office's indication of allowability of claims 1, 2, 4-12, and 14-18. Accordingly, in view of all of the foregoing, including the above-noted cancellation of rejected claims 19 and 20, Applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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